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SUBJECT: HIJACKED LUFTHANSA FLIGHT

1. DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SEEN PRESS TICKERS REPORTING  
ON PRESS CONFERENCE HELD THIS MORNING BY FRG PRESS  
SPOKESMAN BOELLING IN WHICH HE READ AN ULTIMATUM  
LINKING THE LUFTHANSA HIJACKING TO THE SCHLEYER  
KIDNAPPING. FOR BENEFIT OF ADDRESSEES, WE ARE  
REPEATING THE SALIENT POINTS OF THAT NEWS CONFERENCE  
AS WELL AS OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS BEING REPORTED BY  
GERMAN AND UPI (INTERNATIONAL) WIRE SERVICES.

2. BOELLING READ THE TEXT OF AN ULTIMATUM RECEIVED  
FROM THE KIDNAPPERS OF GERMAN INDUSTRIALIST HANNS-  
MARTIN SCHLEYER. THE TEXT STATED THAT THE ULTIMATUM  
OF THE HIJACKERS OF THE LUFTHANSA FLIGHT (OPERATION  
KOFR KADDUM OF KOMMANDO MARTYR HALIMEH) AND THAT OF  
THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPERS (KOMMANDO SIEGFRIED HAUSNER)  
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ARE IDENTICAL. THE ULTIMATUM DEMANDS THE RELEASE OF  
THE 11 IMPRISONED BADER-MEINHOF TERRORISTS AND  
STATES THAT IF THEY HAVE NOT REACHED THEIR DESTINATION  
BY 0800 GMT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, SCHLEYER WILL BE SHOT.

3. BOELLING STATED THAT THE FRG WOULD "TAKE THE  
ULTIMATUM VERY SERIOUSLY AND WOULD DO EVERYTHING

HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE PASSENGERS, CREW AND OF MR. SCHLEYER. TO THIS END, HE STATED THAT THE FRG WAS IN CONTACT WITH ABU DHABI AND WAS TRYING TO WORK OUT A "REASONABLE AND HUMAN SOLUTION."

4. AT ONE STAGE DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, BOELLING REMARKED THAT THE FRG BELIEVED THERE WERE FOUR HIJACKERS INVOLVED: TWO MEN, BOTH BELIEVED TO BE PALESTINIANS AND TWO WOMEN WHOSE IDENTITIES WERE UNKNOWN. THEY WERE SAID TO BE ARMED WITH PISTOLS AND HAND GRENADES.

5. UPI REPORTS THAT THE FRENCH NEWSPAPER FRANCE-SOIR HAS RECEIVED A SECOND ULTIMATUM SAID TO BE FROM THE HIJACKERS OF THE LUFTHANSA PLANE AND ADDRESSED TO FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. THAT ULTIMATUM, FROM THE OPERATION KOFR KADDUM, SIMILARLY LINKS THE HIJACKING TO THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING AND CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

-- RELEASE OF THE 11 BADER-MEINHOF TERRORISTS;

-- RELEASE OF PALESTINIAN P.F.L.P. MEMBERS MAHDI AND HUSSEIN, BOTH OF WHOM ARE IN PRISON IN ISTANBUL;

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-- THE PAYMENT OF \$15-MILLION; AND

-- THE TRANSPORTING OF ALL RELEASED PRISONERS TO VIET NAM, SOMALIA OR YEMEN.

THE ULTIMATUM SPECIFIES THAT THE GERMAN PRISONERS SHOULD BE TRANSPORTED BY PLANE TO THEIR CHOSEN DESTINATION VIA ISTANBUL WHERE THEY WOULD PICK UP THE TWO PALESTINIAN PRISONERS. AS WAS THE CASE IN THE MEMORANDUM READ BY THE FRG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, THE ULTIMATUM STATES THAT THE PRISONERS MUST REACH THEIR POINT OF DESTINATION BY 0800 GMT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16. THE ULTIMATUM STATES THAT IF THE PRISONERS ARE NOT RELEASED OR THE MONEY IS NOT DELIVERED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME, SCHLEYER AND ALL OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF LUFTHANSA FLIGHT 181 WILL BE KILLED IMMEDIATELY. IT ADDS THAT NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO CONTACT THE FRG AGAIN. THE ULTIMATUM IS SIGNED S.A.W.I.O. (IDENTIFIED IN THE PRESS AS THE SO-CALLED PALESTINIAN "STRUGGLE AGAINST WORLD IMPERIALISM ORGANIZATION.)  
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